

SECRET : Meeting with L-9, 26 October 1963

1. A meeting was held with L-9 from 2000 to 2135 hours in B's car (parked in Tacuba) on 26 October.

2. L-9 reported as follows:

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report No. 9*
- a. A few days earlier Coty SOLERIANO, sister-in-law of General Lazaro CARDENAS, told L-9 with a groan of disgust that it looks like DIAZ Ordaz has been chosen as the PRI presidential candidate.
 - b. The Ambassador is still using the wall safe built into the chimney of his office (we have photos of this in our files). L-9 thinks that the Embassy payroll is kept there as the other day when he walked into the Ambassador's office he saw the Ambassador shut the safe door -- Dra. MACHADO was there, having just returned from the bank where she withdrew the payroll. Dra. MACHADO handles the payroll for the whole Embassy. *Manager* *Andon*
 - c. ATQUE *Lopez* is leaving PCS for Havana on 4 November.
 - d. VEGA *is* leaving quite soon. No replacement for him has arrived.
 - e. MIRABAL *Diaz* is looking more and more like a "security type." He is a key man ("lleva la batuta alli") and appears to be a convinced Communist. In the old days, before CASTRO, MIRABAL worked for the Sherwin Williams paint factory (L-9 thinks SW in the States must have a record on him) which was located a short distance from the plant owned by L-9's father.
 - f. Dra. MACHADO recently told L-9 that GRMA was discourteous to her when she first arrived here but that he has softened up a bit recently and now seems to "accept" her. She thinks this may be because she lost two sons in the Revolution (no details given). She complained that LIAGOSTERA still doesn't accept her but JORRIN seems to be coming around. (This may be the usual resentment caused by a female in a responsible executive position).
 - g. Embassy staff meetings are held every Saturday morning from 0900 on -- usually lasting about two hours. They used to be held in the "theater" out back under the new construction but are now being held in the glassed-in terrace at the rear of the main building.
 - h. Three Marxist study groups are being set up in the Embassy to include everyone on the staff. BERNARDO *Test. M. G. G. A.* RCA, known as RCA to the staffers, is spearheading this effort. These groups should be organized within a week. (L-9 dreads the thought of submitting to this indoctrination but realizes he must go along with it).

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